

**John Carlyle to George Washington, December 2, 1756,
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FROM JOHN CARLYLE, ESQ.

ALEXANDRIA Decr. 2d. 1756

DR SIR

I was furd. with yours of the 30th. Ulto, & Observe Your directions Abt. Your orders for London finery depend they Shall be Executed with the Greatest Exactness—Capt. Thompson is here & has Agreed to take half the Tobacco to Yr. Namesake, he has Gott the Tobacco that is here & as fast if more Comes it Shall be Shipd.—I am Afraid We Cannot gett You Good Crop Tobacco under 14 perct. but will get You the Quantity mentiond & Such as Shall be known to be Good On the best Terms We Can —

What You Mention Relating My Accompts Your not Examining them here, Need be no hinderance & Anything Wrong may be Rectify'd, as to the Letter you mention it Was Wrote before I went to Williamsburg, & I then had Not Seen the Govr. he tells me I must keep in my own hands to pay my Self for I Shall gett No More from the No. Ward for My pay & Storage, Sr. John St.Clairs Acct. With Me is Not Above the Sum You Mention & at that time I Wou'd Given Up All for the Ballance of My Acct., but now I am Not Willing to doe So As My pay as Store keeper is Near £100 More & think With justice I shou'd make the most of them, & you must be Clear from any Reflection When the Comittee Will See the Vallueation & In My Letter the dates Was Not Thought of, tho' they Included Sr. John StClairs Acct. & If the Officers themselves are to pay. It I Must Apply to them I have

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Receipts for every Bushell that was Deliver'd, & If you please to Lay the Acct. before the Comitee I must be Satisfyed With their Determination —

As to the List of Tools &c I have made Enquiries & find I can Gett the Greatest part here and Shall go to Annapolis for the Remainder I am at A Loss as to the Quantity & Sorts of Cartridge paper but will Send up Sum of both Sorts for the Price sent, the Season of the Year Is too far Advanced to depend on Sending to Annapolis Philadelphia as the Passage may be Nearly Stopped by the time I Can gett their & back & dare Say I Can Gett All the Most Material Artickles to Come Up by the Return of the Wagons Next Week —

I dare say you may depend on back loads for Your Wagon as the Rice, Rum & Wine, the Railes You formerly Order'd, the Tools & the Cloathes dayly Expected will be many Loads for Several Wagons —

I Can gett 100 Blankets of the Right Sort of Capt Copethon & More perhaps If Necessary, but as the Country wants has A large Quantity coming In & they are dayly Expected Cannot You Wait Yett A little Longer —

The People In Winchester have Reason to be In Fears & perhaps More of this Collony may have the Same Reason, Occation'd by that, fatell Order of the G— & C—¹,¹ Cannot A party of Militia In Frederick be Gott together in the Town Wh by A Proper Application to the Governor they might be Releaved from other County's Militia —

My Compts. to Capt Mercer Mr Kirkpatrick & I am Dr Sir Yr obliged humble Sert JOHN CARLYLE P. S. the Inclosed is A Copy of A Letter Mr McCarty Lodged in My hand as A Voucher for Me to Deliver him Provisions for his Recruits As I Wou'd Not do it Without & I Send you this Copy for yr. Satisfaction You may burn it after perusal—he has only 5 Yett Come In —

J. C.

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1 Governor and Council.